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CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of Senator Schrock's amendment, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The amendment was adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Back to the bill itself, LB 165. Open for discussion. Senator Hartnett, followed by Senator Preister, Cunningham, and Brashear. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Vrtiska, could I ask you, I think it's you, ask you some questions? When you were talking in your time on talking about the bill, is this company that will be taking over running this plant, is that a Nebraska company?

SENATOR VRTISKA: They're not a Nebraska company, but they have ties to Nebraska, and they have a number of other plants. And in seeking for somebody to manage this plant, they were trying to find somebody who had the experience in nuclear power that they could do a better job than is being done. And so they...this group got together and started working to manage nuclear plants and have been very successful.

SENATOR HARTNETT: So they...right now, they don't have any footprints in Nebraska. Is that...

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, the people that work down there obviously have footprints, but this management company is a company...I think it's from Minnesota if I remember right, but it's the expertise that they're looking for..

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you speak into your mike, Senator Vrtiska, please?

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...and there isn't anybody...it doesn't...I don't know that they can find anybody in Nebraska that has the expertise that this company has.

SENATOR HARTNETT: The second thing, will NPPD lose? Will there